

How the Damage Prevention Process Works

- Identify where you want to dig. If possible, clearly mark the site with white paint.
- Call Arizona Blue Stake 1-800-STAKE-IT (Statewide: 1-800-782-5348) In Maricopa County, 263-1100.
- Arizona Blue Stake will send a notice to all of the utility companies with information on YOUR request. Arizona Blue Stake will provide you with the names of all responding utilities.
- The utility companies will respond to your excavation request within 2 working days. They will either mark their underground utility lines with paint or stakes, or they may call to inform you that marking is unnecessary.
- Check your dig site prior to beginning your excavation. If any utility fails to respond, you cannot dig. Report any unmarked facilities to Arizona Blue Stake.
- Markings are valid for 15 working days. If markings are destroyed for any reason, you must re-contact Arizona Blue Stake or the utility company to get the site re-marked.
- You dig safe.

Call **Arizona Blue Stake** Two
Working Days Before You Dig
It's Free and It's the Law!

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1-800-STAKE-IT

and see what you should be missing!



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INVESTIGATE before you EXCAVATE

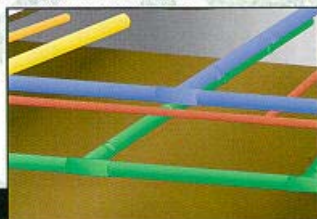
Arizona Blue Stake, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation formed by member utility owners to assist excavators and homeowners in the statutory requirement to notify underground utility owners of excavation that may affect underground facilities. Anyone planning to dig in the state of Arizona can call Arizona Blue Stake and we will notify ALL MEMBER* utility owners in the area. One simple, free phone call will get the ball rolling and begin the damage prevention process.

Arizona law requires that everyone who intends to excavate must provide two full working days notice to the owners of underground facilities within the project area. A working day is defined as Monday through Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays. Thousands of underground facilities exist within Arizona - and not just in populated areas. Both populated and unpopulated areas are honeycombed with various underground facility types, vitally supporting life and the environment. Utility disruptions, legal ramifications, financial liabilities and the tragic loss of life and property can be avoided with one simple call to Arizona Blue Stake.

Arizona Blue Stake, Inc. is open Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., excluding legal state holidays which include: New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Contact our Public Service Department for information on Free Damage Prevention Seminars and the latest damage prevention products and programs available.

***CAUTION:** We are only aware of members of Arizona Blue Stake, Inc. There may be other utility owners in the area who have not become members.



Homeowners & Excavators:

1. Call Arizona Blue Stake at least two full working days before you dig. Be prepared to provide the location of excavation site including address and cross streets. Our Blue Stake Agents will ask a few questions regarding the extent of your excavation activities. If you have legal descriptions of your job site (township, range, section and quarter section) please provide that as well.
2. The Blue Stake Agent will provide a notice number and the names of the utility companies that will be responding to your Blue Stake request. If the caller and the excavator are not the same person, make sure that this information is provided to the excavator. Also inform the Blue Stake Agent if any additional contractors will be involved with your excavation.
3. If possible, have your dig site marked with white paint. White paint helps the locators find your site (this is especially true in difficult to describe locate requests).
4. Utility companies have two working days to respond to your Blue Stake request. Do not begin any excavation until all utilities have responded by either marking the excavation site or clearing the site (no conflict) by telephone call. If any utility company fails to respond, contact Arizona Blue Stake and we will transmit another message requesting immediate response.
5. Arizona Law requires that excavators dig in a safe and prudent manner. If your excavation requires you to dig within 2 feet either side of a marked line, you are required to hand dig and manually determine the location of the facility. You are also required to support and protect the uncovered facility for the duration of your excavation activities. Never assume the depth of a facility or that the depth of the facility is consistent.
6. Markings are valid for 15 working days. If you need to dig past this time frame, call Arizona Blue Stake two full working days before the expiration date and inform the Blue Stake Agent that you need to continue to excavate in this area. If at any time during the 15 working day time frame, your markings are not visible, you no longer have a valid Blue Stake. Call Arizona Blue Stake and inform the Blue Stake Agent your markings are not visible and we can arrange to have your excavation site re-marked.
7. Report any and all damages to any underground facility directly to the utility owner immediately. All damages, including nicks in cables and dents in steel, can and will eventually cause the underground facility to fail.

What to Expect from the Utility Companies:

1. Utility owners have two working days to respond to your request. The Blue Stake Agent will provide the marking due date to the requestor at the time of the call.
2. Utility companies are required to respond to every request received. If a utility company has no conflict with the proposed excavation, they will either mark no conflict clearly at the excavation site or contact the requestor directly.
3. All underground facilities must be marked within 2 feet of actual line location.
4. Utility companies are required to use the International Color Coding system for identifying underground lines. **The colors are:**

Specific Color	Facility Type
Safety Red	Electric Power Distribution and Transmission
High Visibility Safety Yellow	Gas and Oil Product Distribution and Transmission; Dangerous Materials; Product Lines
Safety Alert Orange	Telephone and Telegraph System; Cable Television
"F" in Safety Alert Orange	Fiber Optics Communication Lines
Safety Precaution Blue	Water Systems; Slurry Pipelines
Safety Green	Sanitary Sewer Systems
Purple	Reclaimed Water (effective 10/30/2001)

5. Be aware, utility owners will only mark what they own and maintain, typically this means they will only mark to their meter. Anything beyond the meter is customer owned and maintained, and may not be marked by the utility company.